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### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 12, 17-18 and 37 have been amended to more clearly claim the invention. Claims 2, 20-21, 44-46, 48 and 53 have been canceled. In addition, Claims 55 and 56 have been added. Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 1, 3, 11-12, 14-15, 17-19, 30-31, 34, 36-37, 39-40, 43, 47-52 and 54-56 will be pending.

The changes made to the claims by the current amendment, including ~~deletions~~ and additions, are shown herein with deletions designated with a strikethrough and additions underlined. No new matter has been added herewith.

All of the Examiner's objections to the claims are addressed either by the cancellation of claims or by the amendments to the claims made herein. Accordingly, withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Claim 34 is a withdrawn method claim that is dependent on elected Claim 11. Accordingly, upon allowance of Claim 11, rejoinder of Claim 34 under M.P.E.P. 821.04 is respectfully requested.

### Conclusion


In view of Applicants' amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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